

# The Feola Case

## The Report From Police Sgt. Barrow

(The following report to Chief of Police Randolph Feola was submitted by Cohasset Police Sgt. Richard Barrow. Ed.)

On October 14, 1978 while on 12 midnight to 8 a.m., as Shift Supervisor and on motor patrol in car 17 in Precinct 1, I received a radio transmission at about 6:05 a.m., at this time I was on Border Street in the Cove section of town. The transmission was from headquarters and was as follows — Scituate Police Department in pursuit of a bronze colored Firebird Pontiac headed north on Rte. 3A at a high rate of speed.

I then headed towards town via Border Street to Elm Street then Brook Street to South Main Street to North Main Street, making observation of this area for the above described vehicle. When I reached North Main Street, I received another transmission at about 6:08 a.m. that Scituate car 423 had lost vehicle in area of Lower King Street.

At about 6:15 a.m., I received another call from headquarters that Scituate car 423 reports motor vehicle he was chasing is now in square, at this time my location was on Elm Street near Flemings Hardware Store. I observed the Scituate car coming out of Brook Street onto Elm, I stopped and Officer Colton in car 423 advised me that the car was parked at the Texaco Gas Station.

I proceeded to the above location and observed a bronze Firebird Trans Am Pontiac, Mass. reg. number 9446, known to me as the property of Andrew C. Paton, 364 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, parked on the property of Texaco Co. on South Main Street. I pulled up in front of this car and the Scituate car 423 pulled up with his head lights on the operator. I got out of the cruiser and at this time the Pontiac was percolating and I could smell the motor to indicate to me the car had been driven at very high speeds, a very short time ago.

I went to the operator's side of this car and found the person sitting behind the wheel, Randolph A. Feola, Jr. In the passenger side was Robert A. Paton, 364 Jerusalem Rd., Cohasset, date of birth 7-19-61 (age 17). The Scituate officer, Richard Colton, also got out of his cruiser and walked over to the Pontiac, he observed the operator to be Feola, Jr. Feola stated to me that he had been there for the past 10 or 15 minutes.

I then informed him that I had checked that area seconds after receiving the radio transmission and the car was not there. Officer Colton then got back in his cruiser in disgust and left headed up South Main St. towards Scituate. A few seconds later I received a radio call from headquarters. Officer Colton requested I meet him at our headquarters. I went to the station and talked with Officer Colton. He, at this time, related to me in the presence of Offi-

cers Jones, Pomarico and Churchill that he was traveling about 110 mph and the above car just left him.

A few minutes later Robert Paton came into the station and was asked for his license and registration by Officer Colton, he refused and left with Feola operating the Pontiac. I then requested Patrolmen Jones and Pomarico in car 14 to have Randolph A. Feola Jr. to come to the station that Officer Colton, Scit. P.D. wanted to talk with him. At about 6:25 a.m. I called the Chief regarding the above and requested his presence at the station re. above, he said he would be right down.

At about 6:35 a.m. Feola Jr.

came in, he at this time stated to Officer Colton and I that he was the operator of the Pontiac in question, and said he was not on Rte. 3A. At this time I could see Feola Jr. was under the influence of intoxicating liquor, strong odor of alcohol coming from his breath, unsteady on his feet, slurred speech. I then went to the pat on car rear of the station and at this time Robert was in the passenger side of vehicle, I observed a bottle half full of Heineken Beer on top of the console. I returned it to the station. I could smell an odor of alcohol coming from Robert Paton's breath.

At about 6:40 a.m. Chief Fe-

ola came into the station, he was informed of what had gone on from 6:05 a.m. to now. At this time Randy Jr. pointed to each of us individually and stated he was not afraid of any of us and he was going to go out and get in the car and if we wanted him that we could go after him. His father at this time stated to him that he would be locked up. Chief then took Randy Jr. and Officer Colton into his office. At about 6:55 Officer Colton left the station and returned to his patrol.

At about 7 a.m. Randy Jr. left the station and walked to the Texaco Station where his van was parked. Shortly thereafter, Officers Jones and Pom-

arico resumed patrol.

They had just left the station when they radioed the station that the van owned and being operated by Feola Jr. was headed toward the cove on Elm St. near Flemings Hardware on the wrong side of the street, this transmission was heard by the Chief and he stated he would go to the scene and take care of same. The Chief picked up his son and the van remained there for some time.

I have ordered full reports from the following Officers — Clifton B. Jones, David Pomarico and Richard S. Churchill, all Officers on duty at the time.

## The Executive Session Minutes

Executive Session: November 29, 1978, 9:08 p.m.

Present: Board of Selectmen, Chief Randolph A. Feola.

The Board of Selectmen went into Executive Session.

Chief Feola was present and the Board questioned him regarding allegations that Officer Randolph Feola, Jr. had been involved in a high speed chase by a Scituate officer and regarding his behavior at the Police Station.

Chief Feola told us that he had received a telephone call at

approximately 6:30 a.m. from Sgt. Barrows about Officer Feola, Jr. and he gave Barrows orders over the phone to lock up Officer Feola, Jr. if he was doing anything wrong.

Barrows did not do this. Chief Feola said Officer Feola, Jr. claimed he had not been on Rte. 3A where the chase was supposed to have occurred, but had driven the car belonging to a juvenile on South Main Street.

Chief Feola said that in his opinion Officer Feola, Jr. was not under the influence of li-

quor, and further there were no witnesses to Officer Feola, Jr. driving the car, and that was the reason why Officer Barrows had not arrested Officer Feola,

Jr. as he had no case against him. Chief Feola said he planned to punish Officer Feola, Jr. by taking away three days with pay for meretricious service in solving a rape case in which he had spent much of his own time breaking the case that led to the solving of other rape cases.

Selectman Ainslie questioned whether he as Chief had the

right to give time off with pay.

The Board of Selectmen told the Chief that they wanted a full report from all the officers involved in the case.

The Chief agreed to get these reports and would also give a report of his own that would show there was animosity toward both him and Off. Feola, Jr. by certain members of the Police Department.

The Board of Selectmen adjourned the Executive session and resumed the open meeting and then adjourned the open meeting.

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return to open session; at that time it was voted to hold a hearing concerning Patrolman Feola Jr.

Patrolman Feola subsequently requested a suspension with pay of which he served three days pending the results of the hearing. That hearing, however, was can-

celled as Chief Feola handed down a five day suspension without pay to his son as a punishment for the alleged violations.

### FEOLA'S STATEMENT

Patrolman Feola responded with a statement Tuesday morning, shortly after the release of information from the Selectmen's office.

"I can assure you that I plan

to pursue every means within my power to not only stop this foolishness and expose the reasons and people behind it but also to be cleared, at least legally, of all I've been accused.

"I have been persecuted, prosecuted, tried, found guilty, punished and made the subject of ridiculous cartoons without being able to say one single word in my own defen-

se. At least Joe McCarthy held trials before a person was crucified in the press.

"I have nothing further to say and all further proceedings will be in front of a judge. That should eliminate closed telephone sessions and give the press a fair chance to start out with what is really said and then they can mangle it on the way from the court to the printing press."

## And Now Comes Exam Time

By Jocelyn Kennedy

It's January. Mid-terms are approaching. Most students are ecstatic—four months behind them. Others are disappointed—five months are lying in wait ahead. The weather adds that degree of discomfort. The trees provide little scenery. Yet, the sun still shines and children come in from the chilly outdoors with rosy cheeks and windblown hair. Christmas has ended and everyone is now settling back in their warm houses in short-life goes on.

However, there is one group of people who are becoming increasingly nervous, restless, and worried. Applications, essays, interviews, fees, and long trips are in the process. So much to be accomplished in

so little time.

These people are the Seniors. They are preparing for college. For many, the fall of 1979 will be a tremendous change, an unknown step. Sure, there's reassurance, everyone has been through it. Yet, the question is "WILL I BE ACCEPTED?"

A Senior's year, although thought of by many as a fun-filled, easy going, joyride-certainly is not. There are many major steps to be taken, and a variety of obligations. There's the planning of the yearbook, the organizing of the prom-and most importantly, college preparation.

There are those who send

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off their material promptly, intending to be accepted on an early decision program. These people must submit all their recommendations, a complete portfolio, by various deadlines in November. A few of '79's lucky Seniors accepted on the early decision program are: Arthur Glasfeld (Carleton), Jonathan Foell (Brown), Linda LaBrecque and Diane Maloney (Ithaca), David Gunville (Stonehill), and Barbara Taylor (Endicott). Many others are still waiting for their "Early acceptance" letters. Others mourn over deferrals. Hope remains, however, as these deferral applications are considered again for regular

admission.

The rest of the Seniors decided to apply by the latest deadline, February or thereabouts. Final acceptances from the colleges arrive somewhere between March and April. So, the low, serious discussions continue. Panic escapes; "It's January, all my applications aren't in yet!" Slowly, the days creep by-time continues, concentration is low in the classrooms.

There's still the class play to think about-will the yearbook ever become organized? CHS seniors bite their lips, tap their fingers, furrow their brows-for something that seems so unimportant to many college acceptance is by far the uppermost thought in every 12th grade head at this very moment.